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SUBJECT: MALTA ASSIGNS RESIDENT AMBASSADOR TO TRIPOLI

REF: VALLETTA 1117 (NOTAL)

1. IN A CONVERSATION SEPTEMBER 29, FOREIGN SECRETARY ABELA INFORMED THE AMBASSADOR OF THE OTHER CHANGES IN THE MALTESE FOREIGN SERVICE. TO REPLACE VICTOR GAUCI AS PERM REP IN GENEVA (REFTEL) GOM HAS NAMED EVARIEST V. SALIBA, WHO HAS SERVED MOST RECENTLY AS CHARGED D'AFFAIRES A.I. IN TRIPOLI. ALFRED J. BELLIZZI WHO HAS BEEN REPLACED BY GAUCI IN NEW YORK, HAS BEEN NAMED AMBASSADOR LIBYA "AND THE ARAB STATES". ABELA SAID THAT WHILE BELLIZZI WILL RESIDE IN TRIPOLI, HIS RESPONSIBILITY WILL ENCOMPASS EVERYTHING "FROM THE MAGHREB TO THE GULF". THE EMBASSY IN TRIPOLI IS NOW ACCREDITED TO CAIRO, TUNIS, KUWAIT, ABU DHABI AND KHARTOUM. BUT THE GOM ANTICIPATES ESTABLISHING RELATIONS WITH OTHER ARAB STATES AS WELL. LIBYA HAS FOR SEVERAL YEARS HAD A RESIDENT AMBASSADOR HERE, BUT MALTA HAS ONLY HAD A CHARGE IN TRIPOLI SINCE MINOFF BECAME PRIME MINISTER.

2. COMMENT: IN A COMMENTARY ON MINTOFF'S COMPULSIVE DESIRE TO HANDLE ALL SUCH APPOINTMENTS SECRETLY AND
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PERSONALLY, ABELA REFERRED WRYLTY TO THE CHANGES OUTLINED

ABOVE AS "THE COUP THAT WAS PERPETRATED IN MY ABSENCE".
MINOFF, WHO IS FOREIGN MINISTER AS WELL AS PRIME
MINISTER, DECIDED ON THESE TRANSFERS WITHOUT REFERENCE
TO HIS FOREIGN SECRETARY WHO AT THE TIME WAS ATTENDING
THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN LIMA. ABELA FIRST LEARNED
OF THEM FROM BELLIZZI WHEN HE ARRIVED IN NEW YORK TO
ATTEND THE SPECIAL SESSION.

3. FOR TRIPOLI: WE ARE POUCHING BIO MATERIAL ON
BELLIZZI. SMITH

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